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LAUNCHING OF SATELLITES FOR ATMOSPHERIC /SPACE SCIENCES
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ISRO proposes to launch small satellites for Atmospheric and Space Sciences;

(b) if so, the details of the said proposal; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be launched ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In response to the need of the Indian science community for dedicated satellites for investigating some of the scientific problems pertaining to astronomy, astrophysics, atmospheric and near-earth space environment, ISRO announced an opportunity for small satellite missions. Based upon their scientific merits, these small satellites would be considered in future for being launched as co-passengers with main satellite missions.

(c) These proposals are only at the conceptual stage; no time frame has been fixed for the launch.